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YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program as outlined in the last issue of FLIGHT was discussed for quite some time both pro and con at the last VBA meeting. It was generally agreed that the program and its intent were good and after discussing it item by item, the following evolved:

1. There shall be established a Youth Division consisting of all VBA members under 18 years of age, whose membership fee shall be \$1.00.
2. All youths under 18 years of age will compete as amateurs until their 18th birthday or until they marry.
3. The Beginners Training Program will be incorporated in the Youth Program.
4. After completing the Beginners Training Program, he will then compete, unclassified, in a V.B.A.-sanctioned tournament in the Youth Division. At his first tournament in the Youth Division, he will be classified under the Youth Program consisting of classes A, B, C, D, E, and F and Free Style, as presently established for adult men and women. He will be classified upon completion of the first 28 target classifying round.
5. V.B.A. twenty pins only will be awarded in the Youth Division because they will be shooting from the adult stakes. (If the youth qualifies under N.F.A.A. rules for NFAA 20 pins, it shall be awarded.)
6. Competitors in the Youth Division shall shoot from the adult stakes.
7. The pin awarded to the Youth Division shall be a suitable pin and shall maintain the same basic colors as the adult Instinctive Division.
8. All youths shall be grouped together insofar as is possible.
9. Free-style shall be governed as the Adult Free-Style Division.
10. The Youth Program shall be adopted for a one-year probational period.
11. This program will become effective July 1, 1963.

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90-DAY RULE

I am sure most of you are familiar with the 90-day rule which is Article 29 of Tournament Procedure, reading as follows:

"A classified archer must compete in a minimum of three tournaments within a 90-day period prior to the V.B.A. State Championship Tournament. No more than one of the three may be shot in a 30-day period, except all three may be shot in the last thirty days. Should an archer have a valid reason for not complying with the above, he may appeal to the Field Vice President for waiver of this rule."

This rule was put into effect some years ago when archers were advanced in class by taking the average of their three highest scores out of the last four tournaments shot. An archer could shoot a couple of high scores and then a low one to pull his average down and in this manner keep from advancing in class. The idea has been kicked around that under the present system of advancing in class if you shoot one point out of your class into the next higher class, the 90-day rule is no longer needed. On the other hand, it would be feasible for a person to shoot in the State Shoot this year in class "E", practice diligently for 12 months without attending a tournament, enter the State Shoot next year in class "E" and win class "A".

This rule was made expressly to eliminate "Sandbagging." The question now is whether this rule should be eliminated or modified to conform better with our present method of advancing in class. Kick it around at your next club meeting and send your director to the next V.B.A. meeting prepared to express your feelings as to what should be done.

Spring Gobbler Season

For you archers who would like a little spring hunting, the spring gobbler season opens April 29th through May 4th. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until 10 o'clock each morning. You must hunt by calling and shoot BEARDED turkey only. Hunting these grand old birds is perfectly legal with the bow during this season.

G. B. BOOTH, JR.
Hunting Vice President

Good News—30-Day Hunting Season For 1963

At the Commission meeting March 29th, our request was again presented for a 30-day season for deer, bear, and squirrel. We have been informed by Commissioner A. Ree Ellis of the 7th District, that we will have a 30-day archery season, October 15th through November 15th, both dates inclusive.

Final count on hunter success for the past season was 81 applications for deer and one application for bear. This was considerably below last season and as much as I would like to believe it could be blamed on the weather, food, and poor shooting of some of us archers, the truth is, most of the western county deer herds have leveled off at about what the browse in the area will support. We must accept the fact that this saturation point is inevitable. Increasing kills, year after year, cannot be made as in the past, with the present browse.

G. B. BOOTH, JR.
Hunting Vice President

IN MEMORY

In sad but loving memory of our husband and father, Harry W. Bunting, who passed away one year ago, April 8, 1962.

We seem to see in the soft, dim light
A face we loved the best.
And think of him when the sun's last ray
Goes down in the far-off west.
We miss you no less as the time passes on
Than we did on the day of your going.
For absence can never close the doors of
our hearts
And the lamp of our love is still glowing.
Your heart was the truest in all the wide
world,
Your love the best to recall;
For no one on earth can take your place,
You are still the dearest of all.

Gone but not forgotten,
Wife and Sons,
Indie, Mike and Bill

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News and views of the Virginia
Bowhunters Association, Inc.

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BIRTH DATES

Field Vice President Marshall requests that all club secretaries send to him the date of birth of all members of their club who are in the Youth Division.

**"20" Pin Winners—
February-March, 1963
35 Yards**

John H. Bowen, Roanoke
Carlton G. Conkey, Alexandria
George Digel, Wytheville
Pete Gibson, Grottoes
S. W. Pannell, Big Stone Gap
John J. Payne, Danville
H. L. "Lindy" Randall, Port Republic
William R. White, Bayside Sta., Va. Beach
Tommy Wilhelm, Roanoke

40 Yards

Jim Anderson, Harrisonburg
Haynes W. Davis, Woodbridge
Bobby M. Fields, Hampton
Thomas H. Haley, Virginia Beach
Howard W. Kirby, Norfolk
W. R. "Bill" Mason, Salem
Dan Rutledge, Fishersville
Chas. Tyree, Lynchburg
Thomas Wood, White Post

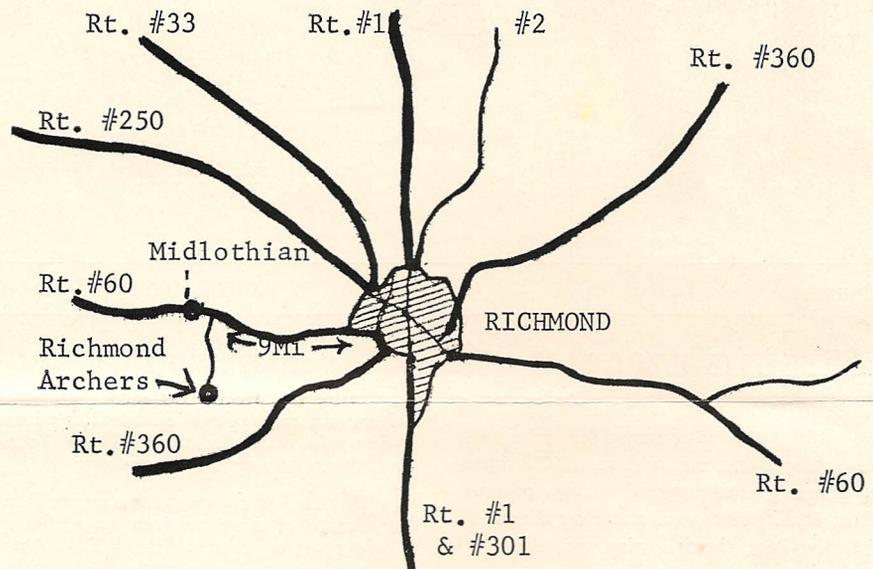
45 Yards

Bill Adkins, Galax
John H. Bowen, Roanoke
H. E. Combs, Vienna
Allen Davis, Woodbridge
Donald S. Huffman, Front Royal
James Key, Bedford
Urshel Miller, Meadowview
B. L. Lucas, Grottoes
Sherril Overstreet, Bedford
Branson Puffenberger, Staunton
R. H. Robinson, Harrisonburg
Leroy Sanders, Saltville
Garnett E. Smith, Pulaski
John Riley Thornes, Newport News

50 Yards

Benny Armes, Lynchburg
Noel Prillaman, Rocky Mount
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THE RICHMOND ARCHERS
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The BOB MONTEITH MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT is held here in May each year by the RICHMOND ARCHERS, who boast of being the first organized archery club in Virginia. 1939.

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In view of the fact that the Program was adopted for a one-year probational period and there may still be a few "bugs" to work out, President Grefe appointed Vernon Rogers, Chairman, and Commander Kaufman and Ray Wayland as committeemen to comprise the committee to study the program further and keep the Board informed through reports.

Shirley Perdue Adds To Laurels

Shirley Perdue of New River Valley Archers recently won the first place award in the 7th grade division of the 11th Annual Keep Virginia Green Poster Contest sponsored by Virginia Wildlife, Inc. Shirley is current holder of the Junior Class Archery Championship and Roving Trophy which she won at Staunton.

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55 Yards

Jim Anderson, Harrisonburg
Benny Armes, Lynchburg
W. L. Blackburn, Waynesboro
John H. Miller, Ft. Eustis
Donald Perdue, Staffordsville
Nancy Lee Western, Roanoke

60 Yards

Rodger Arthur, Bedford
Wilbert Cales, Staunton

65 Yards

Jim Anderson, Harrisonburg

80 Yards

Delane Frazier, Galax
Howard W. Kirby, Norfolk

VOTE

Within the near future, you will receive a ballot in the mail covering election of VBA officers for the new year beginning July 1, 1963. Last year, out of some 1,800 members, only about 500 took the trouble to vote. You may say, "Why vote? There are only two offices with more than one candidate." The only reason this condition exists is that the various clubs failed to have their voting director who attends VBA meetings nominate anyone for these offices. I feel that we have a very good slate of nominees for the coming year and hope that everyone will exercise their voting right.

In the past, some members have included other correspondence in the envelope with their ballot. This should not be done. These ballot envelopes will not be opened until the June VBA meeting and any correspondence that should happen to be in an envelope slows up the persons who are counting ballots.

One person, Gertrude Lewis, has asked that her name be withdrawn as a candidate for the office of Treasurer. This leaves C. D. Tarter and Hazel Rogers as candidates for that office, and Vernon Rogers and Clinton Western as candidates for the office of Executive Vice President. In case you may not know any of these nominees, a brief outline of their qualifications is set forth below to guide you in your voting:

Treasurer—Hazel Rogers—An active member in both the Warwick Bowmen and Bowmen of York clubs. Has been club secretary for two years and club corresponding secretary for two years. Active in promoting fellowship throughout the state. Has been an account clerk for the City of Newport News for 10 years.

Treasurer—C. D. Tarter—A native of Wythe County. Has been interested in and has taken an active part in archery for the past seven or eight years. One of the original 13 charter members of Wythe Bowhunters. During the years 1959-60-61 served as Secretary-Treasurer for Wythe Bowhunters. Presently Secretary-Treasurer of Tarter Chevrolet, Inc., Wytheville.

C. D. has always taken an active part in working with youth, serving as a coach for sandlot football and basketball teams and as advisor to Explorer Post 60 of the Boy Scouts of America. Frequently serves as a Sunday school teacher.

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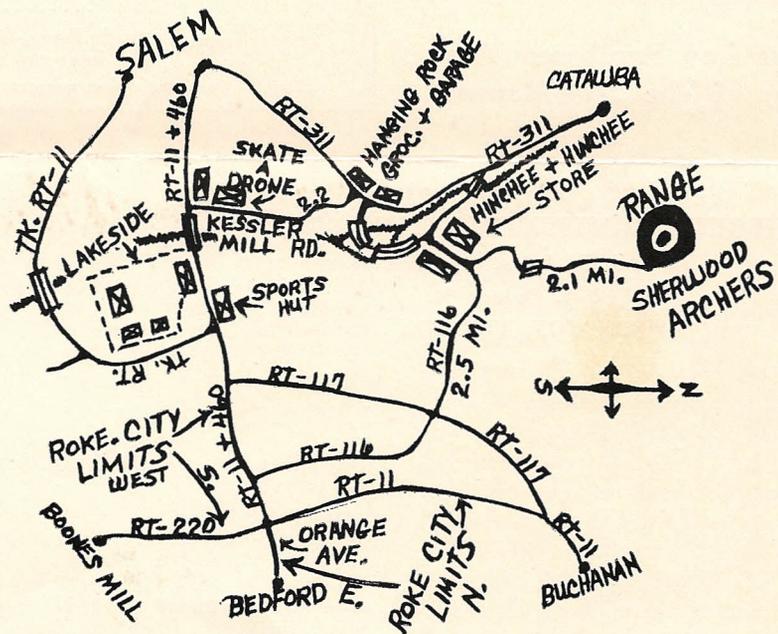
Bill Bennett Big Game Awards

Hunting Vice President Booth advises that, to his knowledge, all Big Game award presentations have been made for this past season. If anyone knows of any VBA member who may not have received their award, please contact Mr. Booth immediately.

Corresponding Secretary

For two or three weeks at the end of May and beginning of June, your Corresponding Secretary expects to be out of town.

She will take care of the accumulated mail as soon as possible upon her return.



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In 1961 killed the largest deer in the state with a bow. Serves as an official measurer for the Pope and Young Club in the Wytheville area.

Takes an active part in stocking fish and serves as deputy Game Warden with the Virginia Game Commission. During the winter, he helps distribute food for game birds and helps develop land for wildlife.

Executive Vice President—Vernon Rogers—Vernon is an active member of both the Warwick Bowmen and the Bowmen of York. Has been President of the Warwick Bowmen for three years. Very active in promoting fellowship throughout the state. Is currently active in promoting sale of our VBA manuals. Vernon works for N.A.S.A. as an aeronautical mechanic.

Executive Vice President—Clinton Western—Has been a member of VBA and NFAA since about 1949 or '50. Member of Augusta Archers at its conception. Member of Sherwood Archers since 1956 and Secretary-Treasurer since about 1957. Currently Editor of FLIGHT. Clinton works for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as a Steno-Clerk in the Personnel Department and has been Secretary to Assistant Vice President for the past two and one-half years.

Candidates for the remaining offices are as follows:

- President: Gene Limerick
- Field Vice President: Wm. T. (Bill) Marshall
- Hunting Vice President: G. B. Booth, Jr.
- Conservation Vice President: Bill McEwen
- Corresponding Secretary: Sue Price
- Recording Secretary: Pat Hamilton

Election results will be announced at the June meeting of VBA.

Again, I urge you, VOTE.

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Your cooperation will be appreciated very much by the Field Vice President.

CONSERVATION

Woody Woods, Executive Vice President, advises that persons or clubs wishing to make donations to conservation should first determine in what area they want their donations used, such as George Washington National Forest, Gathwright Management Area, Big Levels, Jefferson National Forest, etc., list several different projects for which they wish the money used (feed patch seeding, access roads, etc.) and then send the donation to the person in charge of that particular area. Of course, you may continue to send conservation donations to VBA to be used as your voting directors see fit.

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